

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The case was handed over to Delhi Police on 17-7-2000 and the same was registered by Delhi Police on 10-11-2000 under section 406/420 IPC. The investigation of the case is in progress.

(c) No, Sir.

Afro-Asian Games

378. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to hold the Afro-Asian Games;

(b) if so, the proposed dates thereof and the countries which have agreed to participate in these games; and

(c) the steps taken to build infrastructure to hold these games and the cost analysis prepared for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These games are proposed to be held from 3rd to 11th November, 2001. For participation in the Afro Asian Games, various Continental Games of Africa and Asia will be qualifying games. First four athletes/teams in each event in the Continental Games will qualify for participation. As such the names of the countries going to participate will be known only after the qualifying rounds are over.

(c) Government has in consultations with Sports Authority of India, CPWD, Indian Olympic Associations and National Sports Federations worked out requirement of upgrading various Stadia and also approximate funds required to carry out the different works for making the infrastructure suitable for Afro Asian Games. As per present estimates, Rs. 30.00 crores for upgradation of existing infrastructure and Rs. 20.00 crores (Government's share) towards conduct of the Games would be required.